

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A data communication device comprising:
 - a file memory portion for ~~memorizing~~storing a first file ~~an object~~to be sent to a user at the other end;
 - a transmission information setting portion for setting transmission information necessary for sending the ~~first file~~object in a message ~~to the user at the other end~~a recipient;
 - a file generation portion for generating a ~~second~~composite file by adding the transmission information to the ~~first file~~object; and
 - a transmission portion for sending the generated ~~second~~composite file in the message to the ~~recipient~~user at the other end.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A data communication device comprising:
 - a file memory portion for storing a first file;
 - a transmission information setting portion for setting transmission information necessary for sending the first file to a recipient;
 - a file generation portion for generating a second file by adding the transmission information to the first file;
 - a transmission portion for sending the generated second file to the recipient ~~according to claim 1, further comprising and~~

a display setting portion for setting whether or not the transmission information is displayed,

wherein

the file generation portion generates the second file by setting a font used for displaying the transmission information to transparent when the display setting portion sets that the transmission information is not displayed.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A data communication device according to claim 1, comprising:

a file memory portion for storing a first file;

a transmission information setting portion for setting transmission information necessary for sending the first file to a recipient, wherein the transmission information includes plural items,

a file generation portion for generating a second file by adding the transmission information to the first file;

a transmission portion for sending the generated second file to the recipient;
and

~~the~~ a display setting portion for sets setting whether or not contents of the items of the transmission information are displayed for each of the items, and

wherein the file generation portion generates the second file by adding contents of an item that is set to be displayed to the first file as a text object using a chromatic font, and generates the second file by adding contents of an item that is set to be not displayed to the first file as a text object using a transparent font, both the items being a part of the items of the transmission information.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A data communication device according to claim 1 ~~comprising:~~

a file memory portion for storing a first file;

a transmission information setting portion for setting transmission information necessary for sending the first file to a recipient;

a file generation portion for generating a second file by adding the transmission information to the first file;

a transmission portion for sending the generated second file to the recipient;

and

~~, further comprising~~

a display setting portion for setting whether or not the transmission information and contents of the first file are displayed on a common page,

wherein

the first file is a file of a document including one or more pages, and the file generation portion generates the second file by inserting a text object indicative of contents of the transmission information into a first page of the first file when the transmission information and the contents of the first file are set to be displayed on the common page, and generates the second file by adding a new page to insert the text object indicative of the contents of the transmission information into the new page when the transmission information and the contents of the first file are set to be not displayed on the common page.

5. (Currently Amended) The data communication device according to

claim 1, further comprising an encryption portion for encrypting contents of a predetermined item of the transmission information,

wherein

the file generation portion generates the ~~second~~ composite file by adding the transmission information where the contents of the predetermined item are encrypted to the ~~first file~~ object.

6. (Currently Amended) The data communication device according to claim 5, further comprising

a designation acceptance portion for accepting a designation whether or not the encrypted contents of the transmission information of the ~~first file~~ message are allowed to be disclosed to the recipient ~~user at the other end~~ from a sender of the ~~first file~~ message, and

a decryption information transmission portion for sending decryption information for decrypting the encrypted contents to the recipient ~~user at the other end~~ when a designation is accepted in which the encrypted contents are allowed to be disclosed to the recipient ~~user at the other end~~.

7. (Currently Amended) A data communication device comprising:

a file generation portion for generating a ~~second~~ composite file by adding transmission information for sending a message to a recipient ~~that is set by a user at the other end~~ to an object in the message ~~in order to send a first file to the first file sent from the user at the other end~~; and

a file storage portion for storing the generated ~~second~~ composite file in a storage medium.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The A data communication device according to claim 7~~ comprising:

a file generation portion for generating a second file by adding a first file transmission information for sending the first file to a recipient;

a file storage portion for storing the generated second file in a storage medium, further comprising and

a display setting portion for setting whether or not the transmission information is displayed,

wherein

the file generation portion generates the second file by setting a font used for displaying the transmission information to transparent when the display setting portion sets that the transmission information is not displayed.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The A data communication device according to claim 7, further comprising:~~

a file generation portion for generating a second file by adding transmission information that is set by a recipient in order to send a first file to the first file sent from the recipient;

a file storage portion for storing the generated second file in a storage medium, and

a display setting portion for setting whether or not the transmission information and contents of the first file are displayed on a common page,

wherein

the first file is a file of a document including plural pages, and

the file generation portion generates the second file by inserting a text object indicative of contents of the transmission information into a first page of the first file when the transmission information and the contents of the first file are set to be displayed on the common page, and generates the second file by adding a new page to insert the text object indicative of the contents of the transmission information into the new page when the transmission information and the contents of the first file are set to be not displayed on the common page.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing a computer program used for a computer that includes a function of connecting to a network, the program making the computer perform the processing of:

~~processing of making a file memory portion memorize a first an file object to be sent to a user at the other end;~~

~~processing of performing a setting with respect to an e-mail message including the object for sending the first file e-mail message to the a recipient user at the other end;~~

~~processing of generating a second composite file by adding setting contents of the e-mail message to the first file object; and~~

~~processing of sending the e-mail message to which the generated second composite file is attached to the user at the other end.~~

11. (Currently Amended) A data communication device comprising:

- a file memory portion for ~~memorizing~~storing a first file to be sent to a user at the other end an object;
- an e-mail message setting portion for performing a setting with respect to an e-mail message for attaching the first file object;
- a file generation portion for generating a ~~second~~ composite file by adding setting contents of the e-mail message to the first file object; and
- a transmission portion for sending the e-mail message to which the generated ~~second~~ composite file is attached to the recipient ~~user at the other end~~.

12. (Original) A data communication device comprising:

- a file memory portion for ~~memorizing~~ storing a first file capable of including both an image object and a text object on a common page, both the image object and the text object being intended to be sent to a recipient ~~user at the other end~~;
- an e-mail message setting portion for setting contents of items making up an e-mail message for attaching the first file for each of the items;
- a display setting portion for setting whether or not the contents of the items are displayed for each of the items set by the e-mail message setting portion;
- a file generation portion for generating a second file by adding contents of an item that is set to be displayed by the display setting portion to the first file as a text object using a chromatic font, and for generating the second file by adding

contents of an item that is set to be not displayed to the first file as a text object using a transparent font; and

a transmission portion for sending the e-mail message to which the generated second file is attached to the recipient~~user at the other end~~.

13. (Original) A data communication device comprising:

a reception portion for receiving an e-mail message to which a first file is attached;

a file generation portion for generating a second file by adding contents of the e-mail message to the first file; and

a file storage portion for storing the generated second file in a storage medium.

14. (Original) A data communication device comprising:

a reception portion for receiving an e-mail message to which a first file is attached, the first file being capable of including both an image object and a text object on a common page;

a display setting portion for setting whether or not contents of items included in the e-mail message are displayed for each of the items;

a file generation portion for generating a second file by adding contents of an item that is set to be displayed by the display setting portion to the first file as a text object using a chromatic font, and for generating the second file by adding contents of an item that is set to be not displayed to the first file as a text object using a transparent font; and

a file storage portion for storing the generated second file in a storage medium.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for transmitting data comprising:
setting transmission information necessary for sending a recipient user
~~at the other end a message including an object a first file to be sent to the user at the~~
~~other end;~~
generating a ~~second~~ composite file by adding the transmission
information to the ~~first file~~ object; and
sending the generated ~~second~~ composite file in the message to the
recipient user at the other end.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for managing data comprising:
generating a ~~second~~ composite file by adding transmission information
for sending a message to a recipient user at the other end to an object in order to in
the message send a first file to the first file sent from the user at the other end; and
storing the generated second file in a storage medium.

17. (New) The data communication device of claim 1, wherein the
message is an e-mail message, and the object is in the message as an attachment.